

# PATHY AND DEJECTION PREVALENT IN GERMANY

Englishman, Recently Released, Describes Remarkable Contrast With Conditions Four Years Ago.

PEOPLE DYING OFF RAPIDLY  
Crime on Increase—One Really Decisive Military Reverse Would Produce Permanent Debacle—"A No Man's Land."

Y ALBANY, N.Y., March 16.—Formerly English teacher at the Staff College and Military Technical Academy, and for three years a prisoner of war at Poelvoorde, an Englishman, recently released, has just returned to England as an exchanged prisoner. No more striking contrast can be imagined than that presented by Germany through which I passed on my way to Berlin, and the same country, as I saw it, on my recent journey home. I was the better able to realize the extent of this remarkable metamorphosis, as I had interned for thirty-eight of the intervening forty-one months in the camp at Ruhleben.

On the eve of Great Britain's declaration of war London seemed mildly excited; but it was on the boat at Harwich that I first fully realized the situation. The cry of German revolutionists on board soon worked themselves up into a frenzy of patriotism, and as we steamed out to sea, in the face of the searchlights, sang those old but typically aggressive national songs. "Die Wacht am Rhein," "Deutschland, Deutschland über Alles."

I heard them so often, and under such depressing circumstances, during the few months that they became a sort of obsession to me. Individually they were phlegmatic and generally harmless enough; the German, when mixed with his fellows and under the influence of popular excitement, reverts to a primitive type and develops a latent tendency usually hidden beneath the veneer of civilization, the furor of his savage forefathers.

And then the journey from the front to Berlin!

The entire German nation, soldiers and civilians, rich and poor, old and young, were drunk with patriotism, and raved with the lust of war.

And the women!

There were no weeping wives and others at Hanover station; they were as warm as the men. "Come back," they cried to their parting soldier, "must victorious!"

And what a change as I returned by the same route nearly three and a half years later!

From the moment when our porters left behind in the camp gave a final hearty cheer as our train slowly away, not a cheerful word or sight greeted us till we reached the frontier into Holland. I could this handful of anemic, sunken, decrepit creatures really be the same as the full-bodied, full-blooded, shouting, singing crowds of August, 14?

No signs of life on the countryside. No fires, no lights, no smoke from the chimneys—a very "no man's land."

At the bigger stations little groups of thin, hungry-looking men and women who gazed at us—some with tired but mostly with apathetic indifference. Yes, apathy and dejection, it is the prevailing note. A feeling of mutual distrust holds them all tongue-tied and mute; they seem hardly to dare to speak.

DORER CLASSES ARE  
A sharp contrast to all this was an impression on reaching England. London was busy and cheerful as ever. The war has brought no real hardship, merely some inconvenience. A night in Germany would prove an ordeal to the stomach, but in England it is an inconceivable fact that the poorer classes, who form the majority in the big towns of Germany, are on the verge of starvation, and that the robust are dying off rapidly from diseases brought on by malnutrition.

The well-to-do and a good percentage of the rural population, on the other hand, can still get a sufficiency of food. At starvation is not the only trouble; life is greatly on the increase.

CL. MORAL STANDARDS  
HAVE BROKEN DOWN  
A highly controlled and state-disciplined people like the Germans become more rapidly demoralized under normal conditions than does a more irreligious race. The result is that the moral standards have broken down, and the virtues of the German are dead, and self is the only god. Hearing of profiteering are the fashion, and of respectable people are prosecuted and pay their fines unblushingly. Even still, juvenile crime is rampant, and cases of boys murdering old people for their savings have occurred. As for the average soldier, to be sent to the front is the worst punishment that can be inflicted on him, and his cry is peace—peace at any price!

POSITION OF RUSSIA IS DESPERATE  
The position of the ruling classes in Russia is desperate. They are mainly responsible for the war, and realize that a German peace with annexation and indemnity can save both the country and themselves from ruin, so they hold on, however a price in the future. They know that if Germany has nothing by the war, her economic situation will be so desperate that, the once demobilized and freed from a decade of discipline, popular discontent will assume a form that will threaten the stability of the throne and the position of the entire ruling caste. Hence the forces of reaction are daily growing more insolent, and the military, with Ludendorff at its head, is trying to force all the more moderate elements from office by threats of their resignation.

As long as the German front remains broken in the occupied territories, there seems small chance of any understanding being reached. But the German nation being what it is, a human nation being what it is, a really decisive blow to her military effort should suffice to bring about a re-aching and permanent debacle.

As Option Property.  
The National Beverage Corporation of Virginia has secured an option on a large 1,200-acre farm and the hotel and cottages on the property. It is said that in case the option is exercised and the property is bought, the purchasing price will be approximately \$100,000.

Army Men Hurt in Week.  
DETROIT, MICH., March 16.—Frank Koenig, of Newark, N. J., was killed in a collision between a street car and truck. Koenig and all those injured are members of an army aero squadron.

# News of Interest In and Out of Town

Notes About Things and People and What They Are Talking About.

Master Julian Hart will sing to-night at 7:15 o'clock at the Woodland Heights Baptist Church at the regular meeting of the Baptist Young People's Union.

Mrs. Edward Hotze, who recently underwent an operation at the Memorial Hospital, is rapidly improving, and is able to see friends.

Miss Caroline L. Wright, of 1922 Graham Road, has just returned home from attending the funeral of her aunt, Miss Sallie F. Wright, of Goochland County.

Mrs. Dick Huggins, who recently underwent an operation at the Memorial Hospital, has been removed to her home at Forest Hill Park.

Misses Annie Rooney Cropper and Sarah Lee Coleman, of West Franklin Street, members of Base Hospital No. 46, will leave to-morrow morning for Camp Shelby, Miss., for special work until the unit is ordered mobilized.

William M. Harmon, of 1403 Oakwood Avenue, was operated on Friday at Stuart Circle Hospital.

Thomas J. Signaigo, a musician on the Oklahoma, is on a visit to Richmond to spend a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Signaigo, of 704 West Cary Street.

W. R. Mizelle, widely known in business circles, has just received orders to report to the Norfolk Navy Yard for active duty in the naval reserve. He will leave Richmond to-morrow morning. Mr. Mizelle enlisted in the reserve early this year.

Elder James Howie will preach this morning at the Life and Advent Christian Church, Chaffin Street, near Randolph, at 11 o'clock on "A Priceless Heritage." The subject at night will be "The Ministry of Reconciliation."

Miss Margaret Taylor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Lester Taylor, of 247 South Laurel Street, is under treatment at the Retreat for the Sick.

Mrs. L. E. Stoddard, of Newport News, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. J. Lester Taylor, of 247 South Laurel Street.

J. F. Love, corresponding secretary of foreign missions board of the Southern Baptist Conference, will substitute for Rev. George W. McDaniel at this morning's service at the First Baptist Church. The text of his sermon will be "The War Crisis and Our World Mission."

# SCARCITY OF NURSES

People Are Urged to Retain Their Services No Longer Than Is Necessary.

Fred B. Morlok, superintendent of the Memorial Hospital, said yesterday that the great scarcity of graduate nurses is due to the fact that many of the people insist upon retaining the nurses long after that patient has recovered and the real need for the retention of the nurse has passed. Because of this fact the great number of nurses who are needed for Red Cross work will not be able to give their services to their country.

Mr. Morlok was emphatic in his statement that the private duty nurse is not a slacker if the people of Richmond give her a chance to perform patriotic duty, and are willing to surrender the luxury of keeping her after the immediate need for her services has passed. Hospital officials, physicians, and nurses were unanimous in their statement that people of this kind are not only working a hardship upon the community, but are slackers and unpatriotic to their country when national stress calls for the service of such a large number of professional nurses.

# RECEIVES PROMOTION

John H. Wright, Widely Known Here, Is Advanced to Position of First Lieutenant.

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Immediately thereafter he was stationed at Fort Monroe, until two months ago, when he was sent to Washington, to join the Seventh Company of Coast Artillery, engaged in doing guard work at the White House and United States Treasury Building. Lieutenant Wright is a graduate of the college of William and Mary, being captain of the football team of 1912. After leaving college he engaged in business in Richmond, until appointed to the Fort Myer training camp.

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# SURPLUS CLOTHING WILL BE COLLECTED THIS WEEK

Richmond Chapter of Red Cross Announces Special Campaign to Relieve Distressed People.

NEED ALL KINDS OF MATERIALS

Goods Will Be Sent to Sufferers in Belgium and Northern France on Cargo Ships—Inventory at Headquarters Being Taken.

Beginning to-morrow, the Richmond Chapter of the American Red Cross will devote one week to a special campaign for the collection of used and surplus clothing for the unfortunate people of the occupied territories of Belgium and Northern France.

A nation-wide clothing campaign will be undertaken by the Red Cross at the request of Herbert Hoover, chairman of the commission for relief in Belgium. At the least 5,000 tons of articles are needed. In addition to new material, large quantities of clothing, shoes, blankets, flannel and cloth are wanted. Only one week will be devoted by the Red Cross to the campaign in order that work of this kind may not become a regular activity of the society, or be considered a precedent for the continual collection of articles.

Mrs. Harry Cullen will be in charge of the Richmond Chapter's campaign. Those desiring to make gifts can make inquiries in person at Red Cross headquarters, Fourth and Grace Streets, or by telephoning Randolph 3021. This day of this week, a Red Cross truck will make the rounds of the city, calling at all places where notice has been given that donations are being held in readiness.

MANY ARTICLES ARE NEEDED, BUT MUST EXCLUDE RUBBER

The list of needed garments includes shirts, underwear, clothing, socks, skirts, shawls, stockings, dresses, overcoats, blouses, etc., suitable for men and women and boys and girls, and articles for infants' wear, such as awnings, cloths, cradle dresses, bonnets, hooded cloaks, jackets and sweaters. Miscellaneous articles, such as bed ticks, bed sheets, pillow cases, blankets and mufflers also are needed. A few articles not needed include the following: men's stiff hats (derby, straw, dress), women's stiff hats, women's fancy slippers and gowns containing rubber in any form, such as suspenders and garters. Care should be taken to see that shoes are free from mud, because leather goods not in the best condition deteriorate in shipment. Emphasis was laid on the fact that notes or messages should not be placed in the pockets of garments, as no written matter can be sent into the occupied territories with the commission's goods.

AMPLE SPACE FOR SHIPMENT IS PROVIDED ON CARGO BOATS

Space is ample on the commission's grain and cargo boats for the prompt shipment of all articles collected direct to their final destination. The commission bears all the expense in connection with the work except such small incidental expense as may be incurred by the chapters in receiving and packing the articles for shipment to the warehouses of the commission. Even the well-to-do are short of necessities, and the poor are in dire need in the occupied territories, it is said. One-third of every shipment will go to the people of Northern France, down close behind the German lines, and two-thirds will go to Belgium.

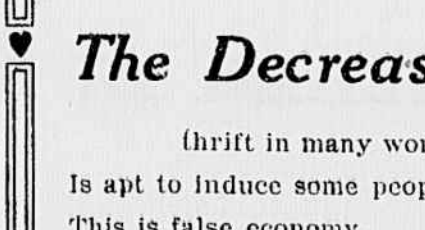
Announcement was made yesterday that the workrooms of the Richmond Chapter will be closed this week in order to allow an inventory to be taken. Work will not be resumed or given out during the week. The general officers and the home service section at Red Cross headquarters will be open as usual for the transaction of business. While the workrooms are closed the knitting department will not distribute wool, but Mrs. Fraser's classes in double-stitch knitting will be held to-morrow at 10 and 12 o'clock.

Capital Stock Largely Increased.  
ROANOKE, VA., March 16.—The Richmond Coal Corporation has increased its capital stock from \$30,000 to \$500,000. This means that the company will go much more extensively into the development of its coal lands in Southwest Virginia.

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# AMERICAN DESTROYER FIRED ON BY MISTAKE

One Killed When Armed Guard on Liner Thinks Convoy Is Enemy U-Boat.

WASHINGTON, March 16.—William Lussou, a seaman of an American destroyer in the war zone, was killed, and three others of the ship's crew slightly wounded on January 16 last, when the armed naval guard on an American liner fired on the convoying destroyer after mistaking her in the darkness for an enemy submarine.

In making this known late to-day, the Navy Department said Vice-Admiral Sims had named a court of inquiry which is making a thorough investigation. When the liner reached her destination, the master gave a complete account of the accident, and the court of inquiry, but it has not been made public, nor has there been any announcement as to the extent of the damage to the destroyer.

Admiral Sims' report on the accident was sent to the department by mail, but the name of the seaman was cabled when the destroyer reached port, the dispatch merely saying that he had been killed in an "accident," and it was so announced by the department. The seaman's body has been sent to the home of his mother, Mrs. Barbara Lussou, at Kansas City, Mo.

In the absence of first-hand details, officials of the Navy Department hesitated to comment on the case. It was suggested, however, that the destroyer might have run out of the place assigned her in the convoy, and thus aroused the suspicion of the gun crew. Under certain atmospheric conditions or at night one of the new type destroyers might easily appear to be a large submarine, her masts being about the same height and the flush deck hull being almost awash in a choppy sea.

So far as is known, this was the first accident of its kind among American vessels in the war zone, but some months ago an American warship in the Mediterranean fired on an Italian submarine after it had failed to reveal its nationality when signaled to do so.



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by the American. One man on the submarine was killed and another wounded.

Son Born to Lady Haig.  
LONDON, March 16.—A son was born to Lady Haig, wife of Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig, commander-in-chief of the expeditionary force in France and Flanders, Friday night.

WILL HONOR ST. PATRICK  
WITH HIGH MASS TO-DAY

Celebration for To-Morrow Night Has Been Arranged by Hibernians of Richmond.

The Ancient Order of Hibernians of Richmond, in observing the festive day of their patron, Saint Patrick, will attend high mass in a body at St. Patrick's Catholic Church this morning. The panegyric for the occasion will be delivered by the Right Rev. D. J. O'Connell, Bishop of Richmond. Many priests of the city will also be present. A special musical program will be provided by Mrs. Thomas R. Ryan, organist, under the leadership of R. Leo Mcagher, choir director. All members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and ladies' auxiliaries are asked to occupy seats in the center aisle.

At the Catholic Women's Club, 18 South Third Street, an elaborate literary and musical entertainment has been arranged for to-morrow night for the members in the city, and some of the best local talent will be present on the program. The festivities will be presided over by Past State President John J. Blake.

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